

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19-29, 35, 36, 38 and 52-54 are pending.

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19-29, 35, 36, 38 and 52-54 have been made subject to a restriction requirement.

By way of this amendment, claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11, 20, 24-29, 35 and 36 have been canceled, claims 1 and 16 have been amended, and new claims 55-76 have been added.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 14-17, 19, 21-23, 38 and 54-76 will be pending.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19-29, 35, 36, 38 and 52-54 have been made subject to a restriction requirement.

Applicants elect Group III for examination on the merits at this time. Applicants reserve the non-elected subject matter for inclusion in a divisional application.

Summary of the Amendment

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to delete non-elected subject matter.

Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11, 20, 24-29, 35 and 36 have been canceled as directed to non-elected subject matter.

New claim 55, which is dependent on claim 1, refers to one of the two alternative subgenuses set forth in claim 1.

New claims 56-65 correspond to claims 14-17, 19, 21-23, 38 and 54, respectively, except that new claims 56-65 are dependent directly or indirectly on new claim 55.

New claims 66, which is dependent on claim 1, refers to one of the two alternative subgenuses set forth in claim 1.

New claims 67-75 correspond to claims 14-17, 19, 21-23, 38 and 54, respectively, except that new claims 67-75 are dependent directly or indirectly on new claim 66.

Claims 1, 14-17, 19, 21-23, 38 and 54-76 each read on the elected group.

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Conclusion

Claims 1, 14-17, 19, 21-23, 38 and 54-76 are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 610.640.7855 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees and credit of any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

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